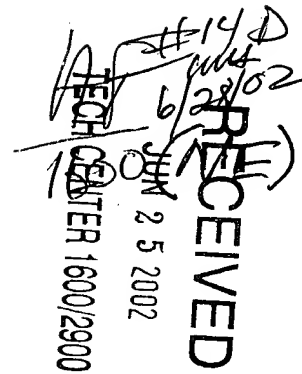




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$ 0 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated April 5, 2002, which set a three month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is considered timely filed on or before July 5, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this Amendment claims 8-16 will remain pending.

Please add the following new Claim.

--16. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 11, wherein said carrier comprises bovine serum albumin, polyoxyethylenesorbitan monolaurate, thimersol, and phosphate buffered saline.- -

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request a full and fair response to the points raised in the following argument. Applicants take exception to the mere recitation of sections from the MPEP in the previous Office Action as failing to further prosecution and not adequately developing the record should this case need be taken up on appeal.